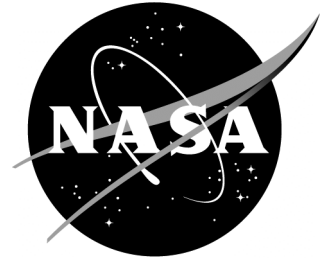


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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TECHNOLOGY FORUM OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND UNIVERSITIES

As part of a continuing effort to develop business partnerships with universities and industry teams, NASA Langley's Office of Education, the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology and Hampton University are hosting the fifth annual Small Disadvantaged Business and University Opportunities Forum June 26 at NASA Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va.

Structured to identify and promote small businesses with strong potential to participate in NASA programs, this year's forum will be a full day of presentations by NASA researchers, small disadvantaged businesses and minority institutions. The forum creates a rare high-level marketing opportunity to meet key management, technical and procurement personnel across the country.

Also, participants will have the opportunity to meet privately with customers from NASA Langley and present their capabilities and technology for consideration in a potential business partnership.

"Through this forum, NASA receives quality goods and services at a lower overall cost while small businesses continue to develop, prosper, and assist in fulfilling the NASA mission," says Vernon Vann, small business specialist, NASA Langley.

The forum continues a partnership among NASA Langley's Office of Procurement and Office of Education, NASA Headquarters' Office of Aerospace Technology and Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology and Hampton University. For more information, visit:

<http://edu.larc.nasa.gov/sdb>

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Small Disadvantaged Business/Universities Opportunities Forum Agenda:

- 7:30 AM: Registration
- 8:30 AM: Welcome Addresses and Opening Remarks
- 8:45 AM: Panel Discussion with NASA Langley Research Competency Representatives
- Dr. James Yu, Aerodynamics, Aerothermodynamics, and Acoustics Competency
 - Cynthia Lee, Aerospace Systems, Concepts, and Analysis Competency
 - Carey Buttrill, Airborne Systems Competency
 - John Greco, Atmospheric Sciences Competency
 - Dr. Thomas Noll, Structures & Materials
 - James Bell, Systems Engineering Competency
- 11:45 AM: Lunch
- Keynote Speaker: The Honorable George C. Newstrom, Secretary of Technology, Commonwealth of Virginia
- 1:30 PM: Part #2 of Panel Discussion: "Doing Business with NASA and other Partners"
- Vernon Vann, Small Business Office
 - Panice Clark, Office of Procurement
 - Roger Hathaway, University Affairs
 - Robert Yang, Small Business Innovation Research Programs
 - Duncan McIver, Technology Commercialization
 - Dr. Robert Whitehead, National Institute of Aerospace
 - Rex Pelto, Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology
- 3:00 PM: One-on-One Meetings with Research Competency Representatives and Partners
- 4:30 PM: Forum Concludes